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On the Side

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Pennsylvania's United States Senator Hugh Scott, who is expected to seek re-election this fall, has come out with another of his hard-hitting statements on our nation's troubles with Cuba, the sense of which we find ourselves subscribing to wholeheartedly.

In his first newsletter of the new year, Sen. Scott lets chips fall where they may and minces no words, in his own inimitable manner, as he writes: "We have recently witnessed three events which dramatize the utter failure of our policy toward Cuba. Communism's export center for subversion, violence and revolution. As I stated to the Senate, while our diplomats talked peace, Cuban revolutionaries stirred a mob into violence in Panama, Fidel Castro suddenly flew off to Moscow and a successful Communist coup was carried out in the clove-scented African island of Zanzibar by Cuban trained guerrillas. The scent of oil of cloves has been muted by the unsavory odor of Castro oil.

"As usual, our policy makers seem to believe that if we ignore it long enough, the problem of Cuba will just go away, or at least float off to some far distant clime where it will not be so obviously annoying. And those of us who speak out in the Senate on this threat to our national security are ignored by the policy makers, perhaps in the vain hope we too will go away. I can assure you that this is a vain hope."

Along that same line of thinking, we've no doubt that Sen. Scott, and others like him in the Senate and elsewhere on the Washington scene concerned with our government's policy makers in Cuba and other parts of the world while dealing with Communism, were interested also in hearing what

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Allen Dulles, former chief of the Central Intelligence Agency, had to say recently. Dulles was one of several notables addressing an audience of the Insurance Company of North America at Disneyland a week or so ago.

The former CIA chief is reported to have warned that an

apparent new Communist strategy of establishing island beachheads, as in Cuba, threatens to be repeated in Zanzibar, Cypress and elsewhere and seems to be superseding the split nation concept used in Germany, Korea and Viet Nam.

In those remarks, Dulles also defended our nation's use of espionage, which he said we would like to avoid. But we cannot, he explained, so long as the Soviets and the Red Chinese arm in secret.

"In the case of the USSR," a news account reports him as stating, "they are preparing the means of surprise nuclear attack behind an Iron Curtain of secrecy." And he went on to explain to his listeners that it was this secrecy which caused the UN to use the U-2 "spy" aircraft.

We say about all this, there's certainly no apologizing necessary for Uncle Sam's using the U-2 plane or other methods of espionage against a system whose current lead would have us "buried" in due time, by whatever means. In fact it's probably because we do too much apologizing and standing on ceremonies that Communism continues to give the free world effort and ideologies so much trouble in both expected and unexpected places over all the globe.

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